(b) Whether some foreigners with Caravan of arms and ammunition containing 361 pistols of Pakistani origin caught by Delhi Police recently; and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any stern measures to the increasing Pakistan activities aimed at subversion to India.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SYED SIBTE RAZI): (a) Government have seen the news item. Pak ISI has been changing its tactics with a view to revive militancy and carrying out violent activities in Punjab by supplying of arms, ammunition and narcotics.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government is alive to the situation and keeping a close watch on the activities of Pak ISI. All necessary steps including gearing of intelligence and sharing of information about the movements of ISI activists are being taken. To ensure better coordination and speedy action among intelligence agency and Central/ State Security Forces; a Core Group has been constituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs which has been holding periodic meeting. Fencing and flood lighting work in Punjab sector Ganganagar and Bikaner Districts of Rajasthan has been completed. It is in progress in Jaisalmer and Barmer Districts. Water Wing of BSF in Gujarat has been strenthened.

Infiltration of Pak Trained Terrorists Through Indo-Pak Border

703. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistan trained terrorists which infiltrated into the Inidan Territory in the last year through Indo-Pak border;

(b) how many foreign Nationals have been arrested so far while entering Indian territory through border in the last year; and

(c) by when the Indo-Pak border fencing is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTE RAZI): (a) 5316 terrorists.

(b) 1275 foreign nationals.

(c) Fencing/flood lighting of feasible border, already sanctioned is expected to be completed by December, 1997. Thereafter, remaining areas will be taken up, if feasible.

गुजरात में डाक वितरण प्रणाली

704. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी. सोलंकी:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने गुजरात के ग्रामीण तथा आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में डाक वितरण प्रणाली की कोई समीक्षा की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका क्या परिणाम निकला है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उक्त क्षेत्रों में डाक वितरण प्रणाली को सुधारने के लिए कोई दिशा-निर्देश जारी किये हैं?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम): (क) जी हां। गुजरात के ग्रामीण और जनजातीय क्षेत्रों में डाक वितरण प्रणाली की समय-समय पर पुनरीक्षा की जाती है। पिछली पुनरीक्षा जनवरी, 1996 में की गई थी।

(ख) ऐसी पुनरीक्षाओं के फलस्वरूप मेल रूट्स को अपग्रेड किया जाता है तथा डाक वितरण प्रणाली को कारगर बनाया जाता है। गुजरात राज्य के सभी गांवों में दैनिक डाक वितरण व्यवस्था है।

(ग) गुजरात डाक सर्किल के अधिकारियों को सामान्य मार्गदर्शी सिद्धांत जारी किए गए हैं।

Militant Groups based in Assam

705. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Several Central Intelligence Agencies have gathered evidence of existence of at least 14 separate fundamentalist muslim militant groups based in Assam, being aided by Pakistan, Bangladesh and Iran;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such presence can cause imminent insurgency in the country;

(d) whether Government propose to take some corrective measures in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTE RAZI): (a) to (e) The available reports indicate that some fundamentalist groups are functioning in Assam with support from across the border. Pak ISI operatives based in Bangladesh are aiding and abetting terrorist and fundamentalist forces in the North-East.

The Government is aware of the situation and the same is under constant watch and close review. The security forces have been duly sensitized. Our security concerns have been conveyed to the Government of Bangladesh. An institutional mechanism has also been put in place with Bengladesh to discuss various issues in this regard on an on going basis.

Telephone Adalats

706. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone adalats organised in Delhi are working well in the settlement of the problems of the consumer;

(b) if so, the duration after which these adalats are being held;

(c) whether Government propose to hold these adalats in every city and district head-quarters and also in increase the frequency of holding such adalats; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or being taken by Government in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Telephone adalats are held once in every three months.

(c) and (d) Telephone Adalats are held in all Telephone Districts in States once every three months. There is no proposal to increase the frequency of holding such adalats at present.

Rubberising of Roads

707. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research is going on for rubberising roads;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government are aware that a few kilometers of MC road at Vempayam near Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala was rubberised years back and new roads were rubberised recently if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would take steps to rubberise certain portion of National Highways on experimental basis and rubberise all roads; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A research scheme was sanctioned in March, 1993, for Rs. 7.46 lakhs for laying three experimental stretches on Kanpur-Varanasi Section of NH-2, near Allahabad, using rubber as a modifier. The work was completed in March, 1995 and the performance study is in progress.

(c) As regards the MC Road in Kerala, the same is not a National Highway, and hence the responsibility for development lies with the State Government.

(d) After the completion of the above performance study and finalisation of specifications, the Ministry could consider the same for suitable adoption on National Highways.

Non-payment of ex-gratia payment to the migrated Refugees

708. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the refugees who migrated to Jammu and Kashmir from West Pakistan have been promised by the Central Government exgratia grant of at least Rs. 12,000/per family for rehabilitation;

(b) whether in spite of numerous representations neither the Central Government nor the State Government have fulfilled their promise of giving the aforesaid grant to such persons;

(c) what are the reasons for the long delay; and

(d) the reasons for which it is not possible for Government to grant the long standing